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The Capital Removal Question.

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Editors of the Intelligencer:

Permit me, in all candor, to say that in my opinion and in the opinion of many men with whom I have conversed upon the subject, the capital removal project should not be made a part or parcel in the election of members of the Legislature this fall. The people of our State have other and more important interests to look after just now than the removal of the seat of government from the Capital of the State. They have had enough of this kind of agitation. Admitting that a great many of our wise and good men all over the State seriously desire and think that the Capital should be located at some more central or convenient place than where it now is, still I cannot see why the question should be introduced in a popular election, such as is to be held on the 13th of October next.

THE FACT IS, the State is not now able to provide money to build a Capital even if it were located at some other place than Charleston. There is no other place outside of Wheeling that the Legislature could be temporarily located. This being the case, if Charleston cannot be reached by the many who are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to serve the dear people as representatives—let the next Legislature, immediately after assembling and organizing, pass an act to hold its session in the city of Wheeling.

A BETTER AND WISER PLAN than this would be to assemble at Charleston, the present seat of government, and wait for the people, by petition, to ask them to locate the Capital at some other more desirable place. This is certainly a desideratum upon the part of the people which ought not to be overlooked by those who desire to represent them in the Legislature. While it may be that the Legislature, assembled at Wheeling, did an unwise act in locating the Capital at Charleston, it is nevertheless true that it did so, and did so in good faith. The people at Charleston, presuming upon this good faith of the representatives of the whole people of the State, provided ample accommodations for the temporary

MARTIN OF THE LEGISLATURE, and for the business transactions of the several departments of State, and this too without any considerable expense to the State. They did this, of course, expecting that when an appropriation was made to build a Capital it would be built at Charleston. And this is not all. The hundreds of people who have

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and purchased property and commenced business, did so with the understanding that they were locating themselves at the seat of government. To now attempt to remove the Capital would not only vacillate in our policy, but would save strongly in the direction of weakness. Certainly it will not be done; and especially do I hope that no one will be so foolish as to attempt to make it an issue in the coming fall election. It has nothing whatever to do with politics, neither has it any importance attached to it which concerns the prosperity of the whole people of the State. Make it an issue, and the

NEXT LEGISLATURE will be made up of a world of opinions as to where the Capital should be located and built. Every other delegate, for good and wise reasons, which he would have to explain in a speech, would want the Capital at his town. In this way another session would be frittered away, without any result, in idle talk by foolish men about where the Capital of the State should be. Our people are, and have a right to be,

sick and tired and disgusted with this kind of legislation. They demand to be spared from this kind of annoyance in the future. They claim that there is now a common feeling among the people in favor of some legislation touching the vital interests of the people of the State at large. While the people of almost any town in the State would not object to having the Capital located in their midst, they generally prefer that the Legislature should do something in the way of encouraging the location of

CAPITAL AND LABOR

with them. A good factory is worth more to any town in the State than a dozen Capital buildings. The first industry and money; the latter, idleness and the expenditure of money. Industry makes money; money makes a great State.

But let me return to the subject in question, and state briefly my objections to agitating the Capital removal project in the fall elections. Prominent politicians of both political parties claim that the people are needing better legislation, that better and more wholesome laws before they can be a

GREAT PROSPEROUS PEOPLE. What is it they need? Certainly not a State Capital. They have that. What then? Is it that they cannot find men enough—good and wise men—to go to that Capital? Certainly not. There are good and true and wise men enough all over the State, and willing to go to the present seat of government and work honestly and intelligently for the best interests of the whole people. The mistake or fault certainly lies with the people in not finding a better class of representatives to legislate for them. We are told, for example, that our

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are badly managed and need to be carefully looked after; that our tax law is objectionable in many particulars; that our road law is simply an abomination; that roads should be made and kept in good order by taxation on property instead of being made and worked by the laboring classes of people who have no interest in them; that our

FREE SCHOOL SYSTEM

is going into disrepair by neglect and unwise legislation; that the great and important duty of electing a United States Senator depends upon the next Legislature. These considerations, of themselves, are amply sufficient to convince the judgment of any candid thinking man that the Capital Removal question should not be mooted in the coming fall election.

IN CONCLUSION

let me suggest that the people of every county in our State at once abandon the idea of allowing the Capital removal project to have any special significance in our fall elections. As I have before suggested, let this be made a matter of importance, if it should be so considered, after the people have elected a Legislature composed of their

COMPETENT MEN.

This can then be done by petition and in the most serious and correct way to do it. As an additional objection to agitating the removal of the Capital in the fall election, I may mention that congressmen are to be elected at that time, and every one will surely concede the fact that it would not be dignified or just to mix up their merits for a National position with a purely State affair.

Respectfully,

LEGENDARY.

ST. WEE, TOWN.

Shellen and grim the Shawnee stood

On the banks of the gloomy wood:

On his hands were stains of innocent blood.

His quiver empty, his bow unstrung,

And loosely about him hung his bowstring.

And down from his wampum belt there hung

A tangled mass of woman's bright hair.

Fit for a monarch's bride to wear.

Sunny and golden and wondrous fair.

There's a dim blue light where the dead wood

Lies, like little round heaps of damp fire flies

That gleam in the night like panther eyes.

And the will-o'-the-wisp of the marshy ground,

As if hunting for something that never was found.

Up and down, like a miniature ship,

That follows the stream with its ebb and dip

With a light like the flash of a maiden's lip.

And the whip-poor-will in the moonlit world,

Is telling his story so often told.

A story that never to him grows old.

And the drab hawk with wings as broad

As the last cloud back again is heard.

It beats like the heart of a wounded bird.

And the leaves drop down with a noiseless sweep,

O'er spreading the daisies where the wild vines

Crawl.

As a mother would cover her child to sleep.

Now a maiden with step like the falling snow,

With parted lips and cheeks all aglow.

O'ershadowed by trees in dark rippling bow:

Strals into the depths of the midnight gloom.

Through the curtained door of her wig-wam

Come.

That's poised in the wind like the ocean foam.

With a will-o'-the-wisp in its eye half dead.

In the path where her naked foot has tread.

With a murderous hiss it coils to spring:

There's a death in the touch of its poisoned sting.

But the maiden had died like a hunted thing.

Timidity nerved deep down in her eyes.

Then her beautiful hair on his bosom lies.

Hark, a sharp report as the rifle spoke.

A flashing gleam and a wreath of smoke.

A sudden hail like the lightning stroke.

And the Shawnee falls at the rifle brand.

But the score to utter a groan in death.

And his life blood reddens the moss grown

heath.

She clings to him still with wildwood grace.

Her hair still sweeping his aching face.

And her lover dies in the maidens embrace.

A dim light gleams from the polished steel.

Like a struck on the sea at the stormers keel.

As the waters are torn by the ponderous wheel.

The blade sinks deep in the quivering form.

And the maiden sleeps with her brave groom.

Her head lies still on his serviceable arm.

The year rolls on with a record sublime.

And the forests are swept by the tide of time.

Mid the hum of wheels and the church bells

Chime.

Again as before in the even tide.

A maiden stands by her lover's side.

And playfully strikes the leaves aside.

Meekly her eyes to the sword are turned.

And the maiden's heart has been learned:

Lessons that never true woman spurned.

But her heart stands still with wild delight.

And her blood runs chill at the sickening sight.

Of human bones all fished and white.

Two skeletons locked in death's embrace.

Lying hand to hand in the face of fate.

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New Advertisements.

STOLEN—\$100 REWARD.

On Monday night, July 20th, a Brown or Dark

Man, with white stripes on his legs, one white

hind foot, about twelve years old, and between

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able for a Dairy or Gardening Farm. There is

on the 40 acre tract a good apple orchard and

peach orchard, also cherry, plum, pear and

quince. There is good water in every field.

The 100 acre tract is also rolling land, good water,

rich soil, with some apple, cherry and plum

trees. The above farms can be rented for a term

of years, from five years for cash rent. The

renting must be good and responsible.

The farms are situated in Belmont county, Ohio,

one mile above Bridgeport, turning off the pike

at Townsend's Farm to the north up the hill

one half mile.

The Coal Bank is in good running order, the

coal is the best that can be found around Wheel-

ing, and will be rented only to good responsible

parties, and security for the payment of the rent

will be required.

Also several Horses for sale. For further par-

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Bridgeport, Ohio.

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HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS,

AND WALL PAPER,

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Block, where we will be pleased to see all our

old customers and many new ones.

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F. C. WINSHIP.

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